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REMARKS

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1. At 5 p.m. on 9 October 1953, 25X1

2. At 5:15 p.m. on 20 October, 12 canvas-covered SP guns were seen on the Markendorf-Jueterbog road.² On 22 October, numerous older soldiers wearing new uniforms, probably discharges, were seen in Jueterbog 2. On 23 October, make boxes for two officers who returned home. 25X1

3. On 21 October, 800 unarmed soldiers of various ranks and branches of service were loaded in Weimar toward east. Another 300 soldiers were loaded on 22 October. On 24 October, about 100 boxcars were available for the transport of personnel at the Weimar railroad station.³

4. On 24 October, a train consisting of 45 flatcars carrying 32 canvas-covered tanks and 20 trucks with covered numbers was at the Forst Zinna railroad station, headed toward Wittenberg. Five or 6 soldiers were with each tank and 2 soldiers were with each truck.²

5. At 8:45 a.m. on 24 October, a band of 12 soldiers and about 200 soldiers were lined up in the barracks yard of the Gneisenau Kaserne in Zerbst. Soviet emblems including a picture of Stalin and a Soviet Star and thought that recruits would be sworn in. Fifteen officers and 30 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets including 50 percent with tank insignia were seen going to the installation.⁴ 25X1

6. on 30 October, a Soviet officer stated the Soviet officers at the post would be permitted to wear civilian clothes from 1 November forward.

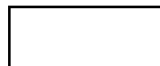
25X1 1. Comment. According to the numbers of armored scout cars and motor vehicles, probably a unit of the 8th Gds Mecz Div.

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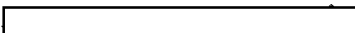
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
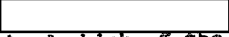


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units had not yet returned to the post on 7 October. 

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3.  Comment. On 15 and 20 October, shuttle-trains  departed to the USSR from Weimar. It cannot be determined which of the trains was concerned.

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4.  Comment. A tank regiment of the 7th Gds Tank Div is carried in Zerbst.

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